

Albert Borschette

Albert Borschette, 53, is the Commission's top policy maker on competition. Appointed member of the Commission in charge of competition in 1970, he has sought to push the Commission's influence in the field as far as the Treaty of Rome will allow it.

Born in Diekirch in June 1920, Mr Borschette studied at Aix-en-Provence, Munich, Erlangen and Paris. From 1945 to 1947 he was a Luxembourg Government spokesman. Between 1947 and 1950 he was his government's representative with the French forces in Germany and later with the Allied Control Commission in Berlin.

Mr Borschette held senior diplomatic posts in Bonn (1950-53) and Brussels (1953-58). During the latter posting he represented Luxembourg on the intergovernmental committee which drafted the Common Market and Euratom Treaties. In 1958 he became Luxembourg's Permanent Representative to the European Community, with the rank of ambassador, and in 1961 acted as deputy to the Foreign Minister during the membership negotiations with Britain (1961-63).

Mr Borschette tends to keep out of the everyday affairs of his department and particularly to avoid contacting officials of companies being investigated until, if necessary, just before a decision is to be taken. But he does keep sensitive antennae out for the thinking of national governments, industry and labour groups on policy developments.

A bachelor, Albert Borschette is also a published author, with four books (having nothing to do with competition) to his credit, as well as the grand prize of the Luxembourg French-Language Writers' Society.